

## PASSENGER CARS, PICKUPS, AND SUV'S – OH MY!

Do you know which LIT code is used for a pickup truck? How about for a personalized plate?

This is what the *NCIC Code Manual* says about license type (LIT) field codes:

**LIT FIELD CODES FOR REGULAR PASSENGER AUTOMOBILE PLATES** -- A regular plate is a standard 6" x 12" plate issued for use on a passenger automobile and containing no embossed wording, abbreviations, and/or symbols to indicate that the license plate is a special issue.

### TYPE OF PLATE CODE

**Regular Passenger Automobile Plates – PC.** Most license plates issued for use on private passenger automobiles fall in this category and should be coded this way.

**All-Terrain Vehicles/Snowmobiles – ZZ.** In instances where a license plate has been issued, the code AT (for all-terrain vehicle) or SN (for snowmobile) should be entered in the LIT Field.

**Motorcycle – MC.**

**Pick-Up Truck – TK.**

**Semi Truck/Truck-Tractor – TR.**

**Bus – BU.**

**Trailer – TL.** Boat, camper, cargo, travel, house, mobile home, semi, utility, etc.

Additionally, there are several codes that could be used, but are seldom, if ever, entered into NCIC. For example, a temporary tag on a newly purchased vehicle should be entered as a "drive-away" license with the code of **DA**. Exempt tags should be entered with the code of **EX**; Personalized or custom plates should be entered with the code of **PE**. Even state-, county-, and city-owned vehicles have their own codes.

Closely review the LIT codes in the *NCIC Code Manual*. There are several other types that should be entered into an NCIC entry instead of generically using "PC." There is even a code to be used if the LIT you are entering is not in the list. Please remember, accuracy counts!

### DEFINITIONS OF PASSENGER CARS, PICKUPS, AND SUV'S

Just how does NCIC differentiate between types of vehicles?

- ☐ A **pickup truck** has a cab and open bed.
- ☐ A **passenger car** has a cab and a closed bed/trunk.
- ☐ **SUV's** should be entered as either a passenger car (PC) or truck (TK) depending on which they most closely resemble.

A four-door cab, open-bed SUV such as a Ford Explorer Sport-Trak, should be listed as TK. A Ford Explorer with the enclosed cargo area would be a PC.

### CURRENT E-MAIL ADDRESSES

**TACS!** Ever feel like you're missing important messages from BCI? Ever feel like we aren't telling you everything?

Are you sure we have your correct e-mail address?

With our tight budget situation, BCI is sending fewer messages by US Mail and more messages and announcements by e-mail. Thus, it is imperative that we have a current, correct e-mail address for all TACs and alternate TACs.

E-mail addresses can change often, so make sure that you notify BCI as soon as possible if your e-mail address changes.

## CHECK "MESSAGE OF THE DAY" OFTEN!

BCI also sends out many important messages on the "Message of the Day" located on the UCJIS home page, so it is important that you logon to the UCJIS home page often.

If your agency primarily uses Socket Messaging, the TAC can still view the "Message of the Day" on the UCJIS home page. We recommend that TAC's check this frequently.

If your agency rarely uses any of the UCJIS files, we recommend that you still logon to the UCJIS home page at least once a week to view the "Messages of the Day."

Remember – if information is broadcast on the "Message of the Day" you can't say we "never told you!"

## PUBLIC DEATH RECORDS ON-LINE

You're doing your NCIC Validations and you think that a complainant has passed away. Is there an easy way to verify this?

Can you find out if a person involved in an investigation has died?

There is a free, public database of United States death records available to anyone on-line. It is the Social Security Death Index.

The Social Security Death Index is public information and you do not have to be related to the deceased person to make an inquiry. You do not need to know the individual's social security number in order to make an inquiry.

The Social Security Death Index is available through many web sites, such as (but not limited to) these:

<http://ssdi.rootsweb.com/>

[www.ancestry.com/search/rectype/vital/ssdi/main.htm](http://www.ancestry.com/search/rectype/vital/ssdi/main.htm)

Name	Birth	Death	Last Residence	Last Benefit	SSN	Issued
ELVIS PRESLEY	08 Jan 1935	Aug 1977	(not specified)	38116 (Memphis, <a href="#">Starky, TN</a> )	409-52-2002	Tennessee

*Elvis is listed in the Social Security Death Index – does this mean he's really dead?*

## COMBINED DL/BCI REPORTING

BCI would like to thank all those courts that are now submitting their combined Drivers License/BCI Reports electronically.

If you have submitted a report, and you want to make sure BCI "got it," there are several easy ways to check.

If using the Security Express for Windows program, go into your combined\_DL\_BCI/to\_dps folder. If your submission is in this folder then it has been successfully uploaded, and DPS will receive it on the next Tuesday or Thursday.

Or, at the bottom of the SecEx-Lite screen look for something similar to this:

local: C:\J000120040420=remote\combined\_DL\_BCI\to\_dps\J000120040420

Also, these reports are ran every Tuesday and Thursday by BCI. So a few days after submitting your report you can go in and view the rap sheet of a person whose disposition was contained in the report. Their rap sheet should now show the disposition information that you sent in your report.

## HUD INVESTIGATIONS

The US HUD Investigations is a federal agency that is a point of contact for mortgage fraud related issues in the Intermountain Region. We also work with related cases like equity skimming.

This is just a short note to introduce the U.S. HUD Investigations. Basically, since we are a small federal agency we wanted to give you a point of contact for mortgage fraud related issues in the Intermountain Region. We also work related cases like equity skimming (i.e. homeowner is duped into quit claiming their home to a Limited Liability Company, the bad guys put renters in the property until it is foreclosed on and even file bankruptcies on the LLC to forestall the foreclosure process and get more free rental income-while never making a payment on the homeowners loan). We have identified three separate groups using this scheme along the Wasatch Front.

You can reach us at 801-524-6090. In the last year we investigated Fairbanks Capital Corporation (a sub-prime mortgage servicer in Salt Lake) and they conceded to a 55.4 million dollar settlement with the government. Over 600,000 borrowers across the nation will be able to apply to this fund to seek monetary compensation.

## STOLEN GUN MODIFICATIONS

Having trouble validating or modifying stolen gun entries on NCIC? Have you received a message similar to this one lately? "REJECT - SERIAL NUMBER IS NOT UNIQUE ACCORDING TO NCIC QUALITY CONTROL. ASCERTAIN CORRECT NUMBER."

According to the FBI's NCIC Data Integrity Unit, a massive quality control project (Message "0") of gun entries was undertaken last year.

Any stolen gun entered that hit on existing stolen gun entries with similar/same fields (SER, MAK, CAL, TYP) became the property of NCIC's UCJIS unit. Therefore, these kinds of entries will not have the privilege of being modified.

When these Stolen Guns with non-unique identifiers are brought to NCIC's attention, they are purged (\$E) immediately. Such guns can be re-entered only if you can ascertain the correct serial number and/or make, caliber, and/or type.

## UCR/IBR

BCI would like to thank all those agencies who took the time to submit their 2003 crime statistics. We know it takes a lot of time and effort on your part, and we appreciate all you do to make the *Crime in Utah Report* as complete and accurate as it can be.



Also...we want you! (Or actually, we want your data!) Whether your agency covers a population of 100 or 100,000 we need your crime statistics! Even if there is "no crime" in your jurisdiction, we would still like to receive your reports!

Many federal grants are given out only to those agencies who submit UCR or IBR statistics. Don't let your agency miss out on possible funding because you failed to submit your data!

If you would like to begin submitting your crime data, please contact Mary Ann at 801-965-4812 or Della at 801-965-4454.

## CODIS TRANSACTION

### CODI – (CODIS) Transaction

The combined DNA Index System – (CODIS) was created to solve crimes that would otherwise never be solved. This DNA database is a cooperative effort that involves all 50 states, the federal government, and US territorial authorities.

Convicted offenders are ordered to submit DNA samples, which are analyzed and submitted to a national database. The evidence collected at crime scenes is continually searched against DNA samples collected from convicted offenders at jails and prisons statewide.

In an effort to reduce costs that result from duplicate sampling, the CODIS Inquiry was developed. The transaction allows a law enforcement agency to query if a sample has been accessioned at the Utah Bureau of Forensic Services. A positive 'record' would preclude the necessity for a new DNA sample.

Currently the database is approximately 40% complete. As of 4/9/2004, 16 cases have been directly assisted by the DNA database.

For more information on how to get access, and use the CODI transaction please contact J. Gabriel Bier/Utah CODIS Administrator, Utah D.P.S. Forensic Services at 801-957-8544.

## MISSING PERSON INFORMATION

### MISSING PERSON IMAGES ON NCIC

Don't forget – it is now possible to add the image of a missing person to that individual's NCIC entry! Pictures of tattoos or scars can also be added, along with fingerprint images.

Photographs of missing or wanted persons can be added to an existing NCIC entry using the EIM transaction. For more information on using the EIM transaction, please contact a member of Field Services.

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